



A Merry Christmas to All

Thanking you for the splendid patronage you have accorded us and your patience in all the rush, we wish you all the Happiest, Merriest Christmas.

The Voting Contest

The Voting Contest ends tonight. The prizes will be delivered to the lucky winners tomorrow a. m. The following names lead to date. You have until 10 p. m. to increase your lead.

Pomeroy, Pearl	1654	Lessier, Laurence	431
Bryan, Ford	1186	Meaghan, Milo	395
Vaughn, Lottie	813	Martin, Sadie	351
McEnery, Catherine	730	Covington, Dorothy	322
Jackson, Chas.	586	Cooper, Virginia	279
		Ford, Mary	279

Semi-Annual Stock-Taking Sale

The Semi-Annual Stock-taking Sale Starts Thursday, Dec. 26th. Watch tomorrow evening's paper for particulars. Thousands of unparalleled bargains assured.

Mama and Papa Santa Claus Bids The Children Adieu Wishing You a Most Merry Xmas

Tomorrow, Christmas day, Santa Claus goes out into the world again gathering gifts for another Christmas and he wants all his little boys and girls to help him bring back a bigger and better Pack than ever next year by being good and kind one to another.

FREE Demonstration!

President, Ambassador
and Statesman Coffee

Given by the Western Coffee Co., Mezzanine Floor, Calisher's, every day until Christmas. Stop in during your shopping, and have a cup of this delicious coffee free of charge.



News Brevities

(Advertisement.)

Train Bulletin.
All afternoon and night trains for Tuesday are reported on time.

Dr. Ebert, Dentist, 216-218 Mills Bldg.

Dr. Jones, foot specialist, Mills Bldg.

Trains Run Late.
Heavy mails and express have delayed most of the trains running into El Paso during the past few days and the effect of Christmas business will be felt for several days.

Mexican Herald on Sale
at Ward's Pharmacy, in El Paso. Complete and reliable news of what happens in Mexico.

Get Christmas Money.
The city clerk's office Tuesday morning was filled with a long file of policemen and firemen, who were well coming the walking of the "ghost" before Christmas.

Dr. Jamieson, diseases of skin, 615 Mills Bldg.

Dr. Bryan, dentist, 101 El Paso street.

Preparing for Cattlemen.
A marble counter is being placed in the office of the Cattlemen's association in the Sheldon lobby, in anticipation of the cattlemen's convention in March.

Gem Electric Co., 401 San Antonio St.

Auto Ambulance, Peck Undertaking Co.

Dr. J. H. Paget, 501 Roberts-Banner Bldg.

Elks to Have Dinner.
The Elks will have a bachelor's dinner at the club on Myrtle avenue, Christmas day from 11:30 to 2 p. m.

Dr. A. T. Still Osteopathic Infirmary.
Dr. Ira W. Collins, physician in chief; Dr. Amelia Burk, Dr. Grace Parker, Dr. Paul R. Collins, consulting physicians; 261 West Missouri street.

Confesses, but Will Not Be Tried.
Atchison, Kan., Dec. 24.—John Derr, an apprentice seaman, who recently

confessed that he murdered William Barker, in Atchison, county several years ago, will not be brought back here for trial. This was the announcement of county attorney Maxey, who said that an investigation showed many discrepancies between Derr's confession and facts.

Why pay \$1.00 per hour when you can get four work done for 75c per hour? We employ union labor; lowest prices on material.
Quality House, 119 N. Stanton St., Texas Electrical Supply Company.

No Activity in Cattle.
No cattle movements were recorded on Thursday. Many of the cattlemen have gone to their homes in other sections of the state to spend Christmas and there is a noticeable quietness at the stockyards.

Chiropractor, Mrs. Benson, Herald Bldg.

Dr. Cameron, dentist, 228 Mesa Ave.

Needling glasses? See our optician.
Poster Co., Jewelers, Herald Bldg.

Weekly Luncheon Thursday.
The regular weekly luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday at the Sheldon. It is expected that "good roads" will be the subject for discussion.

Prompt Transfer Service.
For prompt baggage, livery, hack and freight transfer, call Pomeroy's El Paso Transfer. Phone 2444.

To Write Up City.
Ward D. Williams and Rex Grover White, of the Daily News Syndicate, of Minneapolis, Minn., are in El Paso for the purpose of writing up the city. City engineer Herbert Nunn and R. P. March, secretary of the chamber of commerce, took them about town Monday to see the sights.

Free demonstration of Ambassador coffee and Globe Mills flour at Calisher's, Dec. 18 to 25th.

Need a good clerk? Telephone Herald, 115.

Struck By Auto: Dies.
Rockford, Ill., Dec. 24.—Clarence P. Dunlady, of Butte, Mont., died last night of injuries suffered when he

was struck by an automobile belonging to Carl Ross, a wealthy merchant of this city. Mr. Dunlady had a premonition that death was near and Saturday morning awoke George Gilbert and told him he felt that every step he was taking in Rockford was step he was taking in Rockford, to his grave. He left the house to take a street car and in boarding the car he was struck down.

For house wiring and fixtures see the National Telephone and Supply Company, 217 Mills Bldg.

French Deputies Adjourn.
Paris, France, Dec. 24.—Parliament adjourned last night for the Christmas holidays. It will meet again in January to elect a new president of the republic.

Exide Storage Batteries.
Greer's Electric Garage, 708 N. Kan.

Dr. Anna Reum, Buckler Bldg.

A Widow's Rent.
Two ruddy faced school boys came into The Herald office Monday afternoon. They brought \$1 for the little widow with the six children who did not have the money with which to pay her rent. One was Bruce Bevan, and he brought the \$1 from the Bevan home, where Mrs. Stanley Bevan had given the boys the money with which to help the poor little widow with her monthly rent. Now the little mother has but \$11 to pay to remain in her southside home.

Would you like a pleasant room in private family? Telephone a Want Ad to The Herald, phone 115.

Dr. Rawlings has removed to 404 Roberts-Banner Bldg. Practice limited to obstetrics and diseases of children.

Held on Murder Charge.
Pomona, Cal., Dec. 24.—After signing a statement which police officials declared contained a full confession, Levi Ehrenman was arraigned on the charge of having murdered John Nicholson, an automobile agent, whose charred bones were found in the ruins of a burned barn near Lordsburg two weeks ago. The prisoner was held without bail, his preliminary hearing being set for Thursday.

Dr. Robinson, diseases of children, and obstetrics, 21 Roberts-Banner Bldg.

Phone Taken at night as well as day time, by appointment only. Stuart, 228 Mesa.

Wellborn Will Not Try Oil Suit.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—Judge Olin Wellborn, of the federal court here, has announced definitely that he will not preside at the trial of the complaint in equity which the government filed last Friday in an attempt to recover from the Southern Pacific Railroad company and subsidiary concerns oil lands in the San Joaquin valley, valued at \$250,000,000. Judge Wellborn's decision is said to have been caused by the alleged fact that his relatives hold stock in some of the companies involved.

Dr. R. M. Ratliff, dentist, Suc. to Dr. Paget & Ratliff, 204-5-6, Chapin Bldg.

If you want a cook phone Herald, 115.

When tired out, go to Calisher's and get hot biscuits and coffee free, Dec. 18 to 25.

Dr. Klein, diseases of lungs, stomach, intestines, Roberts-Banner Bldg.

We carry every size made in bicycle. Allen Arms and Cycle Co., 404 North Oregon Street.

Use Domestic Coke. Southwestern Fuel Co.

Merry Christmas

May Health, Happiness and Contentment be Yours,
Thereby Assuring to Each and Everyone a Merry Christmas Day

Baking *Purity* Company

COLORING ORANGES BEFORE THEY RIPEN

United States Is Seizing Them to Protect the Public—They Are Sweated by Steam.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The department of agriculture is getting after the "fruit sweaters." Fruit speculators, caring nothing for the public health, are carrying on the business in this country on an immense scale.

The sweating process is similar to a Turkish bath, except that the subject is an orange or a grape fruit. The process produces a beautiful yellow color without ripening the fruit. Consequently the consumer of the sweated fruit gets a sour product unfit for his stomach. The artificial coloring gives a green fruit the appearance of being ripe, and opens a market for it earlier than normal.

The sweaters put oranges in a room fitted with a steam pipe or a gas stove. The orange will soon get yellow, but it is not ripe. This is a peculiar characteristic of citrus fruits, lacking, for instance, in the apple, which will ripen after being taken from the tree. Some kinds of pears, too, will decay on a tree instead of ripening, whereas if picked they would ripen rapidly.

The sweated fruits have a sour taste, due to an excess of citric acid, which, if allowed to remain until ripe, would be converted into sugar.

The department of agriculture has determined that oranges do not decay if shipped when ripe, the chief cause of decay being improper handling in the packing houses. Therefore, fruit speculators can urge in their defense only a haste to get fancy prices from early fruits.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN SAFFORD UNITE

Safford, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Church work in Safford has received considerable impetus recently. The Baptists and Methodists, whose church buildings are only about 150 feet apart, have united their Sunday schools and have adopted the graded system. The higher grades meet in the Baptist church under superintendence of G. L. Young, the lower grades in the Methodist church, with T. T. Swift as superintendent.

A reception was given to Rev. Barker Northrup, the new pastor of the M. E. church, south. Representative men from all the churches made talks, among them J. J. Birdno, presiding elder S. M. Cheek, W. K. Dial, Geo. R. Young, C. W. B. Link, J. S. Abbott, Rev. C. C. Rickman and G. L. Young and Mrs. George Oliver. The three Protestant churches will have a union Christmas tree this evening. The Mormons will have their program on Wednesday.

The following officers have been elected by Safford lodge No. 16, F. and A. M.: Worshipful master, Enoch Clark; S. W. C. W. B. Link; J. W. W. D. French; secretary, Lee Stratton; treasurer, Z. C. Prima. Joint installation will be held St. John's day with the Eastern Star, followed by the usual turkey feast. E. W. Clayton is retiring master.

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Low Round Trip Settlers' Fares from El Paso to Tepic

and intermediate points on sale from April 1st.

Passengers availing themselves of Stopover Privileges at Tucson should see The West Coast of Mexico. Reduced Side Ride tickets now on sale. See S. P. ticket agents for details.

D. LAWTON, G. P. A., Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico.

ALL SIGNS POINT TO CLEAR CHRISTMAS DAY

B. E. Major, Who Keeps Tab on Local Weather, Predicts the Usual Kind for El Paso.

Christmas will be a sunny day. B. E. Major, ex-officio weather prophet of El Paso, made his annual weather forecast Monday afternoon and wished a fair and smiling day on this community on Christmas. He wore arctic, ear muffs and his customary full beard, and looked the part of the weather prophet of fiction and fame. Mr. Major, who has a reputation for amateur weather doting extending over 31 years, has never failed in his goosebone and squirrel fur forecasting. He arrived at his Christmas day conclusion by consulting his almanac, the heavens and his memory of former years.

Mr. Major says that 25 years ago Sunday the heaviest snow in the history of El Paso fell locally along with the thermometer. It was shoe mouth deep. He says, and he remembers it because his wife's sister from Sherman was married that day and he had to go to town twice in the deep snow. He also says that it has been bright and sunny on Christmas day one year but four since he first came to El Paso. One of these was last year, when it was cloudy all day, thereby upsetting his dope bucket on local weather. When the wind blew from the west it always drove the clouds away, the amateur forecaster says. But contrary to all prognostications, it remained cloudy all day Christmas last year and snowed, sleeted and rained.

SIX OF GERONIMO'S BAND TO MESCALERO

Tulosa, N. M., Dec. 24.—Of the number of Apaches that will move from Fort Huachuca to the Mescalero Indian reservation, there will be six of the original Geronimo band. They are: Christian Nauche, aged 56; Beche, aged 75; Leon Ferio, aged 60; Calvin Zohna, aged 47; Yar-No-Sah, aged 47; Tise North, aged 47.

Night operator W. L. Meyers was held up while on duty apparently by a lone bandit and was relieved of \$5.

Pablo Gomez died at his home, in Tulosa, and was buried in the Tulosa cemetery. The cause of his death was lung trouble.

Immense Oils reports that the water in the oilway well has risen to within four feet and seven inches of the surface.

SAN MARCOS MEN FIND \$1500 WHILE DIGGING POST HOLES.
San Marcos, Texas, Dec. 24.—Fifteen hundred dollars in currency, identified as part of the \$17,000 stolen from the Kyle State bank at Kyle, Texas, when the bank vault was dynamited several days ago, was unearthed by telephone linemen who were placing poles here. The money was buried several inches below the surface of the street.

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RUSSIAN POLICE ARREST MANY REBEL STUDENTS.
St. Petersburg, Russia, Dec. 24.—Searches by the police of various colleges, but notably the Twelfth Gymnasium, which communicates with the apartment of the minister of instruction have revealed, it is said, nightly revolutionary meetings of students. There are rumors of the discovery of a plot. Hundreds of arrests have been made.

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First race—Selling, 3 year olds and upward, mile and an eighth. Wadsworth 11 5/8, Moseley 120, Lily Paxton 100, Galene Cole 105, Ruby Knight 105, The Peer 105, Virginia Lindsey 105, Coronator 105.

Second race—Selling, 3 year olds and upward one mile. Adolante 55, Conso 103, Pack 104, Swish 106, Ymlr 106, Dutch Rock 107, Gold of Ophir 109, Compton 112, Hanly 115, Sepulveda 114.

Third race—Handicap, 3 year olds, five and a half furlongs. Connaught 103, El Palomar 105, Rosiris 109, Vestal 109, Rights 112.

Fourth race—Navidad handicap, all ages, one mile. Cracker Box 95, Enfield 100, General Marchmont 100, Lowman 102, Flying Feet 108, Meadow 112, Injury 115, G. M. Miller 117, Helen Barbee 117, Buckhorn 123, Meridian 128.

Fifth race—Purse, 3 year olds and upward, six furlongs. Upright 95, Wintergreen 100, Furlong 103, Pawhuska 106, Rootway 106, Jim Beary 109.

Sixth race—Selling, 3 year olds and upward, mile and an eighth. Lehigh 103, Highland Chief 103, *Hilch Ugas 103, Minnolette 105, Fancy 105, Silver Grain 108, Force 113.

*Five pounds apprentice allowance claimed.

Monday's Results.
First race—Five furlongs, purse, two year olds, value \$300. Rosiris (Callahan) 110, even, 1 to 4 place, won. Kenneth (Burlingame) 105, 19 to 1, even, place, second. El Palomar (Hill) 112, 4 to 5, third. Time 1:02 2-5.

Second race—Six furlongs, selling, three year olds and up, value \$300. Setback (Burlingame) 115, 8 to 5, 2 to 1, 6 to 5, won. Acumen (Gross) 112, 4 to 1, even, 2 to 1, place, second. Industry (Small) 112, 5 to 1, 6 to 5, show, third. Time 1:15. L. M. Eckert, Bonnie Bard, Francine, Godfather, L. Dieudonne, ran.

Third race—Six furlongs, selling, three year olds and up, value \$300. Miss Jean (Hoffman) 107, 4 to 1, 8 to 1, 9 to 10, won. Pedro (Henry) 112, 7 to 2, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, second. Lily Paxton (Kirschbaum) 112, 20 to 1, 7 to 2, show, third. Time 1:16 2-5. Palma, Tallow Dip, Twickenham, Zool, Angus, L. des Cognets, Ben Greenleaf, ran.

Fourth race—Six furlongs, purse, three year olds and up, value \$200. Irish Gentleman (Deavenport) 110, 5 to 1, 9 to 5, 7 to 10, won. Enfield (Hoffman) 103, 16 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second. Batwa (Buxton) 104, 2 to 1, 1 to 1, show, third. Time 1:15 2-5. Furlong, Ella Bryson, ran.

Fifth race—Six furlongs, selling, three year olds and up, value \$300. Eye White (Gross) 108, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, 1 to 4, won. Sir Berry (Teahan) 105, 1 to 4, won. Sir Berry (Teahan) 105, 1 to 4, won.

WOODROW WILSON COMMUTES SENTENCES OF TWO PRISONERS.
Princeton, N. J., Dec. 24.—"I feel like a guest of the state," exclaimed president-elect Wilson when he returned home after an all-day session in Trenton, where the state board of pardons, over which, as governor, he presided.

"This is one of the days that takes it out of me," he said, "because you do not know sometimes if you are acting right or wrong, and you cannot go into the circumstances of all the cases."

The sentences of two men were commuted, but a third man will be electrocuted.

NEGRO BANDIT IS KILLED AS HE TRIES TO ROB TRAIN
Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 24.—An unidentified negro was shot and instantly killed while attempting to rob the crew and passengers of St. Louis and San Francisco train No. 412, Oklahoma City to Kansas City, shortly after the train left Chandler, Okla., last night.

It is claimed the negro had killed another negro before boarding the train. The bandit was shot by a detective who was a passenger.

El Paso Theatre

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"EXCUSE ME"

By Rupert Hughes.
With Willis P. Sweatnam as the Porter
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